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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

STATE EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR PUBLIC CORRUPTION

Martha Patricia Cervantes, DOB 09/04/65, of Madison, is charged in a two-count indictment with a public corruption crime and with transferring identification documents produced without lawful authority.

The first count of the indictment alleges that Cervantes, while working as a Customer Service Representative for the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at the Madison West Service Center, knowingly accepted money intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with a series of DMV transactions. The indictment alleges that Cervantes accepted \$500 on more than 50 occasions in exchange for providing Wisconsin driver's licenses to more than 50 individuals without first requiring completion of related tests as required by DMV, and instead entered false data in the DMV computer which indicated that the applicant held and provided to the defendant a valid out-of-state driver's license.

The second count of the indictment alleges that from January 25, 2005 to June 30, 2006, Cervantes transferred identification documents knowing that the documents were produced without lawful authority, in exchange for approximately \$25,000.

If convicted, Cervantes faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison for the first count of the indictment, and 15 years for the second count. The charges against Cervantes are the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Capitol Police, and the Fitchburg Police Department, with the assistance and cooperation of the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A.

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TOWN OF MADISON MAN FACES DRUG CHARGES

Charles Clark, a/k/a Little C, DOB 05/03/80, of the Town of Madison, is charged with seven counts of distributing crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that the distributions occurred on May 5, May 16, May 30, June 1, June 7, June 20, and June 28, 2006.

If convicted, Clark faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count of the indictment. This matter was investigated by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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